

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ekkehard KOERNER, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN ANNULAR ELEMENT COMPRISING
AN INNER TOOTHING, ESPECIALLY A SLIDING SLEEVE, AND
DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-
identified application as follows: